595 [141 cont.] of rank" [cited in English] practice polygamy. In view of the marriage preliminaries described, however, [556] wealth is apparently the most important aspect of rank.

606 A marriage establishes a large number of restrictions in the intercourse of the kin groups related by marriage. The most strict, as among many peoples, are the regulations about the association of the mother-in-law with the son-in-law. They may not see each other or speak to each other; he is not permitted to mention her name, and vice versa. Even words in which the forbidden name occurs must be avoided. [142] If they should meet, the mother-in-law must step aside if she wants to avoid punishment (1). The prohibition affects the father-in-law only with respect to the mentioning of the name (2).

1. Joest in Baessler, p. 382.

2. O'Ferrall, p. 224.

602 On the other hand, the prohibition against saying the name and looking applies to all those who shared in the purchase price, that is, all the members of the kin group that has become related by marriage. A violation of the regulation entitles the man to destroy part of the goods of the culprit. If a man and a 607 woman are involved for example, if brother-in-law and sister-in-law meet, the woman is obliged to turn her back or to cover her face. If she should not do this, her kin group would have to pay the man a fine (3).

3. Joest in Baessler, p. 382, and Tagebuch, p. 60 (nothing is said in the original text of the journal as to whether the prohibition against

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